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DEPUTIES' MEETING

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Wednesday, 3 January 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [] Sheldon, []

Mr. Dulles:

a) Stated that with the beginning of a new year, those present might have some ideas on improving Agency operations and noted that he believed it would be beneficial to broaden attendance at the Deputies' Meeting from time to time in order to receive reports on selected Agency activities, e.g., personnel. The Director said he thought this could be accomplished by having additional people attend one meeting per week and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to set this up.

Mr. Kirkpatrick recommended that supervisors, i.e., branch, division and office level, be urged to visit with their people more often. The Director approved.

ACTION: DD/P, DD/I, DD/S.

Mr. Amory commented that at times he felt he knew more about what is going on outside Washington than in Government itself and for example, cited the fact that in several instances the OCB considered problems relating to NSC Planning Board activities which have not been brought to his attention. The Director said he realized this and asked Mr. [] to bring to each Friday's Deputies' Meeting the minutes of items discussed at OCB luncheons.

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The Director also noted his intention of placing as a regular item on the agenda of each IAC meeting crisis situations and asked DD/I and AD/CI to prepare a brief paper for him as to how this should be handled. The Director agreed with Mr. Amory that:

- 1) It would not be necessary to have a paper for each IAC meeting;
- 2) Consideration of the crisis situations should follow discussion of the Watch Committee Report;
- 3) Results, if deemed appropriate, would be published in the next day's CIB.

b) Noted that Dick Wilson of LOOK had asked to see him in view of the fact that he intends to do a story on CIA. The Director indicated he would see Wilson.

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c) Noted during his recent holiday he had seen a [redacted] whom he believed to be the owner or publisher of a newspaper in [redacted]. The Director said [redacted] had made a trip to the Soviet Union and from his conversation he apparently had picked up some information that might be of interest to CIA. Mr. Amory said he would have a representative of OO Contacts Division get in touch with him.

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Col. White:

a) Noted that he had been concerned over the time consumed in coordinating Agency regulations. He said that he believes this situation is now improved in view of certain steps taken by the DD/S and COP.

b) Noted that representatives of the Medical Staff and TSS had been working with the Air Force and a certain civilian company on the preparation of emergency rations and if tests now being conducted by the Air Force prove out as is expected, the rations in question will far exceed any produced to date.

c) Noted that during his recent trip to the field he had been impressed with the lack of information available on current items of interest, e.g., personnel matters, congressional liaison, the new building, new retirement policy, language incentive program,

promotion policy, etc. Col. White said as a result he had prepared a bulletin, for information only, to the field, covering these and other items and noted he intended to prepare subsequent bulletins as new items might come up. General Cabell commented that he had been attempting for two years to get agreement on a newsletter from headquarters and had intended to again raise this matter after the first of the new year. He said he felt that the contents of the DD/S bulletin described above could very well be included in this news letter. Colonel White remarked he realized this but the coordination of such a letter was time consuming and his bulletin was ready to go now. The Director asked that a copy of the DD/S bulletin be sent to him and that in the meantime we have another try at the proposed all-around newsletter from headquarters.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting DDCI read the proposed DD/S bulletin and agreed that it should be disseminated as a separate piece.

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